(*b*) The A form with the rough sketch has to be prepared and submitted by the pakuthi officers within two weeks.

(*c*) The rough sketch is prepared in the pakuthi office.

(*d*) No notice is given in the preparation of the rough sketch. But notice is given while sub-division survey is effected by the Revenue Supervisor.

Clients' records produced in civil cases.

12 * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether clients' records in paper produced in civil cases are not being destroyed at the end of every three years from the date of decision of cases in which they are produced;

(*b*) whether old records in paper are not being destroyed by other offices occasionally;

(*c*) what amount of such papers are being destroyed every year in civil courts and other public offices;

(*d*) whether such used papers could not be converted into fresh papers by proper processes by paper mills;

(*e*) what will be the cost involved in converting a ton of used paper into fresh paper; and

(*f*) whether such a process of reconversion is going on as regards any of the papers of any office in this State?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) The records are destroyed as per Rules 399 to 405 of the Civil Courts' Guide.

(*b*) Yes, in accordance with Destruction of Records Act II of 1098.

(*c*) No definite information is available.

(*d*) Such papers may be mixed with other pulp for the manufacture of paper. By themselves, they do not give good quality pulp.

(*e*) Since it is seldom that these papers are treated as such for conversion, it will be very difficult to obtain the required information from the mills.

(*f*) The Punalur Paper Mills purchase waste paper from Government offices for mixing with their pulp.

Closing of accounts by the Public Works Department.

13. * **Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai** (*Mavelikara. Tiruvella cum Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Public Works Department takes several years to close accounts for works done and consequently cause considerable loss and worry to the contractors?

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Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*): No. But the accounts of big works with several sub-heads running over long periods and involving a good deal of adjustments to be effected take time to have their accounts closed.

Statement, by caste, of persons carrying a pay of over Rs. 25 in the Registration Department.

14. ❊ **Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of persons carrying a pay of over Rs. 25 employed in the Registration Department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of the statistics will be out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Mr. James Fletcher: May I know whether a statement of the staff is kept in every department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No, Sir.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*): May I know, Sir, whether it is not a convenient way of avoiding inconvenient questions?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Certainly not.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know from the member what time it will approximately take to collect the statistics?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Being the end of the year, it is not possible to supply the information now.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know, Sir, whether the interpellation was sent sufficiently early for the collection of statistics?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether there is at least a list of appointments made in every office?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: In every office there is a list of appointments made in that office.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the present answer has been given because there was no time at the end of the year for the collection of the statistics or because of the inherent difficulty involved in the matter of getting this information?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: There is no inherent difficulty in getting the information. But at the end of the year when every office is busy, it is not possible to get the information within a reasonable time.

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